



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 14, 2013 – 12:00 Noon**

**Commission Members in attendance**

Dennis Dabney, CPA, Chairman  
Don Purcell, Vice Chairman  
Russell Goudelock, Esquire, Secretary  
Bruce K. Cole, CPA, Treasurer  
James Christopher  
Stuart Hope  
Peter Mayers  
Robert Pulliam  
John Mark Dean

**Richland County Staff in attendance**

Chris Eversmann, PE, CM, Airport Director  
Terry Wise, Administrative Support

**Visitors in attendance**

Charlie Farrell, Director , South Carolina Aerospace Task Force  
Paul Bass, Eagle Aviation  
Pat Gilmartin, HRH Neighborhood  
Joe Barkovich, AICP, WK Dickson Co, Inc

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**Welcome and Call to Order**

**Chairman Dabney** called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and called for the invocation.

**Invocation**

**Commissioner Cole** delivered the invocation.

**Election of Officers**

**Chairman Dabney** asks **Commissioner Goudelock** to read the slate for Officers nominated for the upcoming year. **Commissioner Goudelock** read the following names:

**Don Purcell, Chairman**

**James Christopher, Jr., Vice Chairman**

**Bruce Cole, CPA, Secretary**

**Stuart Hope, Treasurer**

**Chairman Dabney**, per the by laws, opened the floor for additional nominations: there were none. New Officers were unanimously elected by acclamation. **Chairman Dabney** congratulated the newly installed Officers and turned the meeting over to the newly elected **Chairman, Don Purcell**.

**Chairman Purcell** commended former **Chairman Dabney** on the outstanding leadership he provided to the RCAC the last two years. **Commissioner Dabney** thanked his fellow commissioners for their support.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

**Chairman Purcell** presented the agenda as drafted. **Commissioner Goudelock** made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, **Commissioner Cole** seconded, and all approved.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Chairman Purcell** presented the minutes of the November 19, 2012 Airport Commission meeting for approval. **Commissioner Goudelock** made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, **Commissioner Cole** second, and all approved.

### **Presentation - Mr Charlie Farrell, Director, South Carolina Aerospace Task Force**

Mr Farrell's charge as Director is to produce a strategic plan within an **18 to 24** month period to enhance the aerospace industry in SC. He is working with the current nine-member task force from throughout our State. He shared the names of the members and gave a brief biography of each member. Mr Farrell stated the importance of communication, maximizing all available opportunities and information regarding the Aerospace Industry across the State. The major concern is the need for workforce development. Mr Farrell stated that **60%** of jobs created come from existing businesses that are currently in the state. Approximately **25%** of jobs in SC require a college degree.

Mr Farrell suggested that our schools re-orient their thought process and start very early exposing students to science and math programs. Because there are **180** businesses in the State which involve aerospace either directly or indirectly (**40** businesses came to SC to support the Boeing plant in Charleston) there is tremendous interest in aerospace in our State. Mr Farrell encouraged that someone from the Airport Commission become a part of an Advisory Board to the task force. **Commissioner Goudelock** asks if there was a dedicated staff for the task force? Mr Farrell answered that there is not, but they are being supported by the resources of the Department of Commerce and that will be a website coming on line soon. **Commissioner Dean** asked which companies, here in the Midlands, support Aerospace? Mr Farrell noted that Zeus Industrial Products Inc was one of those companies. Mr Farrell noted that the task force is working on long term solutions, however, the window of opportunity is short.

**Report of Items for Executive Session** – None

**Officers' Reports**

**Chairman's Report** – **Chairman Purcell** inquired of commissioner interest in being a part of the Advisory Board for the Aerospace Task Force. He also wanted to know if there is any interest in changing assignments within the Marketing, Finance, and Operations Committees. He also mentioned the SCAA Annual Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC from February 13 through 15, 2013 as well as opportunities for promoting aviation at the Sparkleberry Fair in Northeast Columbia on April 27, 2013.

**Vice Chairman's Report** – No report

**Secretary's Report** – No report

**Treasurer's Report** – No report

**Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee** – Monthly stormwater fees from the City of Columbia have caused some budgetary stress, and is being monitored closely. The possible need to revisit our hanger lease rates to ensure the cost is fair and consistent with the market in this area.

**Marketing Committee** – No Report

**Operations Committee** – No Report

**Airport Director's Report**

**Meetings, Events, and Visits**

- Nov 21 – NaturChem
- Nov 26 – SCAA Journalism Award
- Nov 29 – Gills Creek Watershed Director
- Nov 30 – Dave Lipski
- Dec 4 – Nestor Environmental
- Dec 5 – RC Emergency Management
- Dec 6 – Signage and Way-finding Webinar
- Dec 10 – WK Dickson
- Dec 13 – Minimum Standards Review
- Dec 14 – FSDO
- Dec 18 – RC Council
- Jan 10 – SCAC
- Jan 10 – Charlie Farrell (SC Aerospace Task Force)
- Jan 11 – SCASC

**Children's group visits:**

- Dec 13
- RCSD support with rotary wing
- EAA support with fixed wing

### **AIP Project Updates:**

Airspace tree penetration removal

- Aviation easements acquisition ongoing

Property acquisition

- 0.5 acre required for extension of Taxiway 'A' ongoing
- 5.71 acres fronting Plowden Road
  - \$112,000 appraisals
  - Owner asking \$140,000
  - Administrative Settlement options
  - Future grant

Taxiway 'A' extension and SE airfield grading and drainage improvements

- Design, permitting, and bidding
- New consultant (WKD)
- Will also include removal of most remaining airspace tree penetrations
- FEMA floodplain map revision
- Buffer fence
- FAA grant application received
- FAA has agreed to finance 75% of the FEMA Flood plain map update
- Design to 60%
- SCAC matching grant approved

### **Budget and Finance**

FY-13 Operating Budget status (Dec 31, 2012 – 50% of the FY completed):

- Personnel – 50% expended
- Operations – 56% expended
- Capital – 71% expended
- Overall – 56% expended

### **Eagle Aviation**

- Fuel Sales down in 2012 from 2011
- Hanger Occupancy – Full, delinquent payments are being collected
- Ramp Fees collected - \$260

### **Airport Metrics**

**Aircraft Complaints** – There were no Aircraft complaints during the period of Nov 1, 2012 - Dec 31, 2012

**Facilities & Grounds Maintenance Requests**

There were 32 Maintenance Requests during the period of Nov 1, 2012 – Dec 31, 2012.

72% - airside / 19% - terminal / 9% - landside

38% - electrical work / 56% - hangar related

**Other Items**

- Curtiss-Wright Hanger survey complete, under review by CW Hanger Partners, LLC  
Appraisal underway by Rosen Appraisal Associates  
Negotiations will commence thereafter
- Mike Hoover elected President of EAA-242
- SCAA 2013 Conference, Feb 13-15 at Myrtle Beach
- FAA Eastern Region Airports Conference (Hershey Conference) Mar 18-20

**County Representative's Report** – None

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – None

**Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.